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U.S. Patent No. 6,529,692
U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0143642
U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0139973

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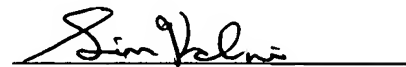
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